

REMARKS

The present Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 4, 2007, in the above-identified application.

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 12-15, and the indication that claims 2-11 contain allowable matter.

In the present Amendment, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 therein. Applicants have also amended claims 3-5 to depend from independent claim 1. In view of the Examiner's indication that claim 2 would be allowable if amended to incorporate the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims therein, Applicants respectfully assert that independent claim 1, as amended, is now allowable. Claims 3-6 are allowable, *inter alia*, by virtue of their dependence from claim 1, which is allowable for the reasons set forth above.

Applicants have amended claim 7 to incorporate the limitations of previously presented claim 1 therein. In view of the Examiner's indication that claim 7 would be allowable if amended to incorporate the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims therein, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 7, as amended, is now allowable. Claims 8-11 are allowable, *inter alia*, by virtue of their dependence from claim 7, which is allowable for the reasons set forth above.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is

respectfully requested that she telephone Applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested Amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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